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For Recycling Commodities

Kentucky Recycling Assistance Section

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## RAS Goes Back to School to Assist with Waste Audit

On November 22, representatives from the Recycling Assistance Section (RAS) went back to school, specifically Nelson County's Boston Middle School, to provide an educational presentation on recycling for the school's Green Team.

At the request of teacher Amanda Tucker, Donna Conway, Grant White and Lisa Butler aided the students in performing a waste audit, sometimes known as a dumpster dive, to determine how much recycling would benefit the school.

After an introductory presentation on recycling basics and safety, about 40 students had a hands-on experience sorting through classroom waste to determine what could be recycled from the waste stream. It was determined from sorting and weighing that approximately 50 percent of the trash could be recycled.

The activity helped to prepare the students in reestablishing the recycling program at the school. Once the recyclables are collected, they will be picked up by the City of Bardstown's Regional Recycling Program for processing.

"The presenters learned as much from this experience as the students," said Butler. "Based on the interest and enthusiasm expressed, the school's recycling program should be very successful."

## Survey Sees Building Blocks of Strong Recycling Culture

As reported by *Resource Recycling*, nearly half of U.S. adults say people in their communities encourage recycling but aren't overly concerned about it. Additionally, areas where recycling is strongly encouraged tend to have better recycling access and a more recycling-aware populace.

Those were a couple of takeaways from survey results released by Pew Research Center. A post-survey write-up by Pew also touches on recycling service access and the U.S. recycling rate.

According to the survey, 28 percent of adults say people in their communities strongly encourage recycling, 48 percent say people in their communities encourage recycling but aren't overly concerned about it and 22 percent say people in their communities do not really encourage recycling (the remaining 2 percent didn't answer the question).

The survey also showed differences between those communities, in terms of service and household program awareness. For example, people in communities that strongly encourage recycling also reported having better recycling access, including curbside and drop-off, and they were more likely to report that their recycling programs accept most types of items.

People in communities that strongly encourage recycling were also more likely to say they reviewed recycling program rules and policies during the past year.

The online and mail-in survey of 1,534 people took place in May and June. It was part of a larger survey focused on climate change, energy and the environment.

## Recycling Market Prognosis

*Resource Recycling* reports that recycling market players suggest these trends for August.

	<u>Demand</u>	<u>Price</u>
Ferrous	Weaker than expected	Remaining soft
Non-ferrous	Unappealing	Going nowhere fast
Paper	Export-driven	Weaker due to rising volumes

COMMODITY	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Nov-15
<b><u>PAPER-\$/TON</u></b>	<b>RecyclingMarkets.Net/Secondary Fiber Pricing (Midwest/Central Region) FOB</b>							
-	<b>May-16</b>	<b>Jun-16</b>	<b>Jul-16</b>	<b>Aug-16</b>	<b>Sep-16</b>	<b>Oct-16</b>	<b>Nov-16</b>	<b>Nov-15</b>
#2 mixed paper	\$50-55	\$60-65	\$60-65	\$65-70	\$65-70	\$65-70	\$65-75	\$40-45
#37 sorted office paper (SOP)	\$110-120	\$130-140	\$130-140	\$140-150	\$140-150	\$140-150	\$155-160	\$115-125
#8 ONP	\$60-65	\$70-75	\$75-80	\$80-85	\$80-85	\$80-85	\$80-90	\$45-50
#40 sorted white ledger (SWL)	\$180-190	\$175-185	\$175-185	\$185-195	\$200-205	\$200-205	\$205-210	\$200-210
#11 OCC	\$75-80	\$80-85	\$85-90	\$95-100	\$95-100	\$95-100	\$95-105	\$70-75
<b><u>PLASTICS-¢/LB.</u></b>	<b>RecyclingMarkets.Net/Secondary Materials Pricing - FOB</b>							
-	<b>May-16</b>	<b>Jun-16</b>	<b>Jul-16</b>	<b>Aug-16</b>	<b>Sep-16</b>	<b>Oct-16</b>	<b>Nov-16</b>	<b>Nov-15</b>
#1 PET - mixed (clear & green)	\$0.10	\$0.10	\$0.11	\$0.11	\$0.10	\$0.09	\$0.10	\$0.08
#2 HDPE (natural-milk jugs)	\$0.38	\$0.39	\$0.38	\$0.32	\$0.27	\$0.28	\$0.28	\$0.27
#2 HDPE (colored-detergent btls.)	\$0.25	\$0.22	\$0.16	\$0.16	\$0.18	\$0.22	\$0.20	\$0.22
<b><u>GLASS-\$/TON</u></b>	<b>RecyclingMarkets.Net/Secondary Materials Pricing - Delivered</b>							
-	<b>May-16</b>	<b>Jun-16</b>	<b>Jul-16</b>	<b>Aug-16</b>	<b>Sep-16</b>	<b>Oct-16</b>	<b>Nov-16</b>	<b>Nov-15</b>
clear (flint)	\$31.00	\$31.00	\$31.00	\$31.00	\$31.00	\$31.00	\$31.00	\$32.00
brown (amber)	\$28.00	\$28.00	\$28.00	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$22.00
green	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$13.00	\$13.00	\$13.00	\$13.00	\$11.00
<b><u>METALS</u></b>	<b>RecyclingMarkets.Net/Secondary Materials Pricing - Baled/Densified</b>							
-	<b>May-16</b>	<b>Jun-16</b>	<b>Jul-16</b>	<b>Aug-16</b>	<b>Sep-16</b>	<b>Oct-16</b>	<b>Nov-16</b>	<b>Nov-15</b>
aluminum beverage cans (UBC) cents/lb.	\$0.61	\$0.59	\$0.58	\$0.58	\$0.58	\$0.58	\$0.62	\$0.54
	<b>RecyclingMarkets.Net/Secondary Materials Pricing - Baled</b>							
	<b>May-16</b>	<b>Jun-16</b>	<b>Jul-16</b>	<b>Aug-16</b>	<b>Sep-16</b>	<b>Oct-16</b>	<b>Nov-16</b>	<b>Nov-15</b>
steel cans \$/TON	\$130-165	\$100-130	\$90-95	\$90-100	\$90-100	\$80-100	\$55-65	\$20-40



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